

Report of Councillor Claire Daunton and Councillor John Williams to Great Wilbraham Parish Council for July 2021.

This report contains factual information which we hope will be of use and of interest to the parish council and to the wider community of the parish. For queries please email us at cllr.daunton@scamb.gov.uk; cllr.williamsjq@scamb.gov.uk

Boundary Commission Review

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) have just published proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries. The BCE are tasked by parliament to keep constituencies under review. As part of this current review (the 2023 review) they have been instructed to plan new constituencies that have roughly equivalent electorates (each new constituency must have between 69,724 and 77,062 electors).

This first round of proposals see significant changes to our current local constituencies, and also propose the creation of a new constituency (called St Neots) which could include large parts of our district alongside large parts of the Huntingdonshire DC LA area. These proposals are open now for consultation until the start of August. You can find more here: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

There will be another round of consultation in early 2022 with final recommendations due to be published in June 2023.

Greater Cambridge Partnership: Updates

Autonomous Vehicles Cambridge is among one of the first smart cities in the UK to trial autonomous vehicles – investigating the feasibility of the technology being used as part of a public transport service in the future.

Self-driving shuttles that are set to transform the way people travel have arrived in Cambridge at the Madingley Road Park & Ride site. The first Aurigo autonomous shuttle arrived in Cambridge at the end of October 2020. In April 2021, the team were able to return to the site after lockdown and the first shuttle started its engineering trial – mapping a route from the Park & Ride around the University of Cambridge's West Cambridge campus. A second shuttle has now arrived (May 2021) and a third is due during June before selected passengers are invited on board to take a trial journey in the vehicle. The trial is part of a government-funded project led by the Greater Cambridge Partnership, Smart Cambridge and engineering firm Aurigo Driverless Technology to look at how autonomous technology could be used on the public transport network. Find out more about the background to this project further down the page.

Chisholm Trail It will link to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Biomedical Campus in the south and to the business and science parks in the north. In all the full trail provides a 26 kilometre route from Trumpington and Addenbrookes to St Ives. The central section from Cambridge

Central Railway Station to Cambridge North Railway Station, which this project deals with, is a 3.5 kilometre route. Phase One covers the area from Cambridge North Station to Coldhams Lane and links up green spaces in the north of the city creating an off-road route between Stourbridge Common, Ditton Meadows, the Leper Chapel, Barnwell Lakes and Coldhams Common. On the 5th June from 20:00-08:00 Newmarket Road was closed to install the head beams for an underpass. Both beams were successfully installed, and the road was opened at 04:45 ahead of schedule. There will be further overnights closures in due course as work continues on the underpass which will be announced as work progresses. The underpass will provide quicker and safer journeys for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as improving traffic flows on Newmarket Road, as people will no longer need to use the signalled pedestrian crossing on Newmarket Road to cross when using the Trail. Work on the jetty path (NCN 51) linking Stourbridge Common with Ditton Meadows is now complete and open for public use. In early November the over 40m-long Abbey-Chesterton Bridge was lifted into place over the River Cam. The bridge and Phase 1 of the Chisholm Trail is due to open in autumn 2021.

GCP Executive Board, 1st July

In a day-long meeting of the GCP Executive Board a number of major issues were discussed and decisions made. These included: decision to progress to the next stage of development for stage one of the Eastern Access project (improvements to walking and cycling on Newmarket Road); decision to move to the Environmental Impact Assessment stage on the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway; decision to move to prepare for outline planning and related public consultation on the South East Transport project; decision to move to an outline design stage on the city congestion project. Other items included: agreement on the need for bus connection from Cottenham and adjacent settlements to the guided busway; considerations relating to the funding and staging of the Greenways projects. For this Ward, the discussion concerning the Eastern Access project made it clear that this was, of necessity, city-focused since the *raison d'être* for GCP funding is city access, but there was a recognition in terms of the location of the park and ride, and the relationship of this to traffic coming into the city, that further thought needed to be given to a new site.

Safe and Well visits

Colleagues supporting the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership are promoting the opportunity for vulnerable residents to have free 'Safe and Well visits'. You can find out more in a [recent update from the Fire Service](#). The Safe and Well team visit residents' homes to assess six key elements:

- Fire safety in the home - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
- Falls prevention - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
- Alcohol use - alcohol related hospital admissions are steadily increasing.
- Stay well and warm - can residents afford to heat their home? Do they have access to a hot meal? Do they access all the services available to them?
- Crime reduction – providing advice on making their home more secure in addition to advice to make them less vulnerable to scams or fraud.
- Smoking – if people need a helping hand to quit, our Safe and Well partners can offer the help and advice people need.

- Hoarding – if people need advice in relation to the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns.

Find out if someone is eligible for a free safe and well visit by completing a [short questionnaire](#) or contact the automated message line on 0800 917 9994 and leave a message including the person's name, address and phone number to receive a call back.

Community Safety Toolkit

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) awarded South Cambs Community Safety Partnership, funding, to create a Community Engagement Toolkit, to assist residents to create their own Community Group to galvanise local residents and volunteers to improve safety and cohesion, tackle local issues such as crime prevention, youth engagement, loneliness and isolation, environmental issues and road related concerns.

Evidence has shown that community engagement and action create a sense of belonging and place for its residents and that there is immense power when a group of people with similar interests come together to work towards the same goal. The toolkits aim is to provide communities with knowledge and skills to tackle concerns themselves, as Communities have a clearer understanding of their own requirements and needs.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/crime-anti-social-behaviour-and-community-safety/community-safety-toolkit/>

Cambs Home Improvement Agency:

Each year Cambridgeshire home Improvement Agency produces an annual report showing what the HIA has completed in terms of adaptations for disabled and older people. This year's report is attached and a link to previous reports and their website is here: <https://www.cambshia.org/about-us/plans-and-performance/>. Given the challenges in 2020/21, it is pleasing to read that, although the number of adaptations completed and the spend was lower than in previous years, they still managed to complete 166 adaptations investing over £2m to enabling residents to live more independently in their own home. The service works closely with Occupational Therapists who were heavily redeployed to primary care services because of the pandemic, but they are looking forward to a busy year ahead as critical services resume. The HIA welcomes support in helping to raise awareness of grants amongst in the community. Further information is available from on their social media pages and at hia@cambshia.org.

Housing Engagement Board

The newly-established SCDC Housing Engagement Board has now had its first formal meeting. The purpose of the board is to scrutinise South Cambs housing policy and practice through effective tenant engagement and participation and to make recommendations to Cabinet. The Board has five elected tenant representatives. It also has two councillor representatives and is chaired by the Lead Member for Housing. The Director of Housing is a non-voting member of the Board. The tenant representatives are elected from tenants in the different parts of the District and serve for four years. An allowance and travelling expenses are paid, reflecting the importance of this commitment in relation to the work that is to be undertaken. At its first meeting one of the main items was to examine the process of reviewing the current maintenance contract for South Cambs-owned properties and the

process by which a new contract might be let. In addition to quarterly meetings there are a number of significant training sessions and an awayday for members to attend.

Growth Fund grant scheme

We are committed to supporting local businesses, especially through difficult times. Businesses based in our area looking for help to scale and grow can now apply for financial support from our new South Cambridgeshire Growth Fund. The scheme is open to micro and SME applicants from any sector. They could be pandemic start-ups or established businesses looking to expand. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be

awarded to successful applicants. Applicants must:

Be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups looking to scale and grow quickly in our region .

- Be established South Cambridgeshire companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans within our District
- • Eligible businesses are sole traders, partnerships and SMEs located in South Cambridgeshire
- • Businesses that have been trading for more than 2 years must include their last 2 full years of management accounts
- • Start-ups must attach their business plan and 3-5 year growth forecasts or evidence of current or planned revenue streams, including detail of other funding received or applied for
- • All applicants must include up to a supporting statement explaining why they should receive a grant There is a guide on [how to write a successful application \[PDF, 0.1MB\]](#) More details of what to include, and which businesses aren't eligible for the scheme, are included [in our policy document. \[PDF, 0.2MB\]](#)

POLICE and Crime Commissioner: Survey

Darryl Preston, new police and crime commissioner has launched a survey for members of the public. The Commissioner is asking local residents and businesses to share their views as he begins to develop a new Police and Crime Plan for the county. The Commissioner's survey launches runs for 4 weeks until Friday 30th July.

A link to the survey can be found here: www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk. Once developed, the Plan will set out the policing and crime priorities for the next 3 years. It will ensure that:

- People get the help they need
- The Chief Constable delivers an effective service
- Money is spent to support projects and services
- Decisions are made in an open and everyone's needs are considered

Anyone wishing to share their views by telephone or email can do so by calling the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 0300 333 3456 or by emailing cambspcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk. A meeting with the new commissioner, for District and parish councillors, was held on Wednesday 30th June at which the commissioner outlined his priorities for policing, taking account of budgetary constraints. There were also presentations on Speedwatch – a project which the police have been promoting vigorously for the past couple of years – and on Scams – similarly being promoted for the past two years. Questions were asked about the visibility of local police and changes to local teams.

Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation (CWWTPR) Phase 2 consultation

Phase Two Consultation opened on 23rd June and closes on 18th August. Brochures and Questionnaires have been distributed to households across a wide area, including many Villages in this Ward. There was an introductory webinar for parish councils in the areas concerned. We were able to put questions concerning funding, design, transport, access, odour, green infrastructure. They are consulting on: the design of the new site; landscaping proposed access and traffic odour mitigation measures; education; walking and cycling access; local projects. AW have offered to meet parish councils in person to discuss details and take questions.

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Community East Forum

A Community East Forum was held on Wednesday 23rd June. This was organised by the City. Developments Included: Marleigh, Land North of Cherry Hinton (LNCH), Ida Darwin.

There was no update for Land South of Cherry Hinton (now referred to as Cherry Hinton Lakes). On LNCH, now referred to by the developers (Bellway Homes) as 'trinity fields', we asked questions concerning consultation with local communities, and not just on naming. The presentation gave details of the outline plan, noting the location of the schools, and community facilities in relation to housing and road layout. There were questions on transport and city access. We continue to press for details of the consultation process at this point in the development. The Marleigh presentation concerned the community work of Locality, the organisation tasked by South Cambs with community development. On Ida Darwin there was an update from Morris Homes on the amendments they have included recently in response to consultations earlier in the year.

Children's summer holiday sports camps

SCDC's popular sports-based holiday camps for children between the ages of 7 and 14 (school year 3 to year 9) restarted in May 2021, and they are now taking bookings for the summer holidays. Young people are encouraged to try out a variety of different activities and learn new skills in safe and enjoyable, inclusive sessions led by fully qualified and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) approved coaches. The cost for one child for one day is £25; if two children book, or if one child attends more than one day, the cost is £21 per child, per day.

Each day's camp runs from 10am to 3:30pm, and children can attend any one or up to all four of the sessions. Both camps are held outdoors and have Covid-secure measures in place. The athletics camp is run at Wilberforce Road Athletics Track, Cambridge; the netball camp is run at Impington Sports Centre, Impington.

There are four available camps and parents can [book now](#):

- Athletics: Monday 26 July 2021
- Athletics: Tuesday 27 July 2021
- Netball: Wednesday 28 July 2021
- Netball: Thursday 29 July 2021

Vaccination data Detail ward by ward level data on vaccinations is available at the following link: <https://reports.esd.org.uk/reports/8167?pat=LA&pa=E07000012%3ALLSOA>